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SUBJ: SC MEETING, OCT 26

SUMMARY: SC MET OCT 26 AT EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO CONSIDER FURTHER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE BY ISRAEL. AFTER MORE THAN FOUR HOURS OF INEFFECTIVE DISCUSSION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10 PM TO MEET AGAIN 10:30 AM SAT, OCT 27. COUNCIL AUTHORIZED "AS AN INTERIM MEASURE" SYG TO SEND ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM UNFICYP FORCES TO CAIRO FOR UNEF (SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

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1. EGYPT REPORTED TO SC THAT AT 1340 HOURS LOCAL OCT 26 "NEW HOSTILITIES" HAD BROKEN OUT ON THE SUEZ AND SINAI FRONTS. NOTING THAT SECSTATE KISSINGER SAID IN OCT 25 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ISRAELIS HAD GAINED TERRITORY AFTER ORIGINAL OCT 22 CEASEFIRE, EGHPTIAN FONMIN ZAYYAT SAID ISRAEL NOW ATTEMPTING TO MAKE EGYPTIAN TROOPS IN SINAI SURRENDER OR FLEE IN DISARRAY AND WERE ATTACKING SUEZ CITY. HE ALSO NOTED REPORT BY ICRC REP THAT ISRAEL HAD PREVENTED A RED CROSS SHIPMENT OF BLOOD, MEDICINES AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM REACHING EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS IN SINAI. HE SAID COUNCIL SHOULD CONDEMN ISRAEL'S DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE WITH HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

2. ZAMBIA ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE SC. PERM DEL NOTED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE, CONTEMPT FOR UN RESES AND SAID PEACE COULD COME TO ME ONLY WHEN ISREAL WITHDRAWS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES. HE ANNOUNCED GOZ BREAK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

3. ISRAELI PERM REP SAID EGYPT WAS USING TWO STRATEGEMS: (1) ATTACK ISRAELI FORCES WHILE ACCUSING ISRAEL OF BREAKING CEASEFIRE, THEN ACCUSING ISRAEL OF ATTACKING WHEN ITS FORCES REACTED TO EGYPTIAN ASSAULT, AND (2) CLAIM "NEW WAR", OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING WHEN NO FIGHTING GOING ON. THIS CREATES ATMPSHERE OF HOTE AND CALUMNY. EGYPT CONTINUES TO FAN THE FLAMES OF BELLIGERENCEY. EGYPTIANS FALSEHOODS BROUGHT WORLD TO BRINK OF GLOBAL WAR.

4. SAUDI ARABIA ATTACKED ISRAELI INTERFERENCE WITH ICRC CONVOY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO SURROUNDED EGYPTIANS AND ASKED THE SUPER POWERS TO PROVIDE STAFF OR NOMINATE STAFF FROM NEUTRALS TO ESCORT CONVOY.

5. SOVIET UNION, SUPPORTING EGYPTIAN CLAIMS OF NEW ISRAELI AGGRESSION TURNED TO QUESTION OF WHY USG CANNOT MAKE ISRAEL ADHERE TO CEASEFIRE. RHETORICALLY ASKED IF ANYBODY BELIEVED US IMPOTENT, UNABLE MAKE ISRAEL COMPLY? SOV PERM REP ALSO QUOTED FACT OF ISRAELI VIOLATION ADMITTED BY SECSTATE KISSINGER IN PRESS CONFERENCE. INSTEAD OF DOING SOMETHING TO IMPLEMENT SC RESES, US KEEPS UP STEADY FLOW OF ARMS. AFTER NOW RITUAL ATTACK ON CHINESE, SOV PERM REP BEGAN QUOTING FROM BREZHNEV STATEMENT TO WORLD PEACE MEETING CURRENTLY IN SESSION
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MOSCOW. COMMENT: WE ASSUME DEPT HAS TEXT. .MOST PERTINENT SECTION INVOLVED SADAT REQUEST THAT USSR AND US SEND REPS TO OVERSEE CARRYING OUT OF SC RESES. "WE AGREED AND HAVE ALREADY SENT REPS--WE HOPE US WILL DO THE SAME. WE ARE CONSIDERING OTHER MEASURES WHICH THE SITUATION MAY REQUIRE." END COMMENT. PERM REP WENT ON TO CALL UNEF CREATION "USEFUL DECISION". SAID USSR READY COLLABORATE WITH ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, BUT NOT RPT NOT HELPED BY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CERTAIN CIRCLES OF NATO

COUNTRIES--FOMENTING FEAR BY FOMENTING FANTASTIC RUMORS ABOUT SOV INTENTIONS.

6. REMAINDER OF MEETING DEVOTED LARGELY TO RIGHTS OF REPLY BY EGYPT, SYRIA, SUDAN, US, CHINA, USSR, ISRAEL, AND SAUDI ARABIA. LITTLE WAS ADDED TO PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND KNOWN POSITIONS. SYRIA DID HARK BACK TO JUNE 1967 CEASEFIRE WHICH THEY HAD ACCEPTED JUNE 9 AND ISRAEL SUCCESSIVELY VIOLATED UNTIL JUNE 12, TAKING IN COURSE OF VIOLATION THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THEY SUGGESTED PRESENT ISRAELI TACTICS IN SINAI AND SUEZ WERE REPEAT PERFORMANCES.

7. AT END OF LENGTHY SESSION, INDIA PROPOSED INTERIM STRENGTHENING OF UNEF (SEPTIL) AND THAT SYG AND SC PRES SEND URGENT TELEGRAMS APPEALING TO ALL PARTIES FOR FULL AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH ICRC. YUGOSLAVIA SECONDED INDIAN PROPOSAL AND URGED SPEEDY ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO EGYPTIAN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS CUT OFF BY ISRAELI FORCES.
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